

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

March 18, 2011

Members Present: Detective Ruth Backman, Dr. Marlene Dodyk, Rabbi Greg Litcofsky,
Mr. Joe Karbowski, Ms. Deborah Seidman

Also Present: Dr. Lynn Dowd, Dr. Dossie Kahn, Mr. Ryan Our

Minutes of 02/18/11 meeting reviewed and approved as presented

Staff Updates

- Clinical referrals continue steadily, no new referrals to Diversion Program
- No new Parent Coffees have been scheduled
- Parents of WHS Seniors group continues, preparing to conclude before end of school year
- Community Service Awards night (April 28) applications have begun, slow start, all eligible high school students are encouraged to apply
- Friend or WYFS screening of Race to Nowhere was well attended, near capacity of Little Theater; sharing of impressions and ideas followed, led by WHS Principal Patrick Tutwiler; over 130 attendees answered online survey supplied by Dr. Dowd; survey results will be available on Wayland Cares website.
- Wayland Cares Programming: parent survey data now available; WHS Mental Health Night (March 24) focus on Marijuana; WYFS will supply information hand-outs for parents

Board Updates:

Welcome Detective Ruth Backman, WPD representative to YAC

Rabbi Litcofsky will complete annual review of WYFS Director Dr. Dowd

Discussion

- Board members reviewed year to date expense report
- Ms. Seidman indicated interest in developing a mentoring program that would connect WHS students with students in elementary and middle grades
- Ms. Seidman volunteered to represent board 03/28/11 hearing on proposed town meeting article
- Ms. Seidman, Mr. Karbowski and Rabbi Litcofsky all intend to attend town meeting
- WaylandCares and WYFS are interested in continuing discussion of stress issues raised in Race to Nowhere through "World Café" model of community involvement

Next Meeting dates: 04/29/11 10:00 am (changed from 04/08), 05/20/11 10:00 am, 06/17/11 8:45am

Respectfully submitted, Dossie F. Kahn, Psy.D.